

WI-227
Virginia Cottage
Allen
Private

c. 1860 and later

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Virginia Cottage

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-227

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural/Industrial Transition
 1870-1930
 Modern Period 1930-Present
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WI-227

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Virginia Cottage

2. Location

street & number 3387 Allen Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Allen ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ronald G. and Sally B. Dolch

street & number P. O. Box 116 telephone no.:

city, town Allen state and zip code MD 21810

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 66, P. 16
liber 905

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 445

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			<u>C 1978</u>

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The house commonly known as the "Virginia Cottage" stands at the end of a short lane with the address of 3387 Allen Road, Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half, stepped or "telescope" frame house faces west with the principal gable roofline oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating to the mid nineteenth century, a series of single-story and story-and-a-half, one-room plan outbuildings constitute the principal rooms in this three-part dwelling redesigned and remodeled during the period between 1978-1983. Supported by a new brick foundation, the three-part house is covered with a layer of beaded weatherboard siding, and the medium and steeply pitched roofs are sheathed with asphalt shingles for the most part. One slope of the kitchen roof retains wood shingles. Attached to the kitchen is a newly constructed garage and rear ell wing completed in 1994.

The west (main) elevation of the three-part house is an asymmetrical facade with three story-and-a-half one-room plan structures connected by shorter single story hyphens. The main living room block at the south end is story-and-a-half, two-bay structure with a large exterior brick chimney stack rising against the south gable end. Six-over-six sash windows light the first floor, and small gable roofed dormers mark the west roof slope. The east slope was made much shallower to accommodate additional headroom on the second floor. The principal entrance to the house is located in the adjacent hyphen, which connects the living room and dining room. A Greek Revival period door and sidelights is sheltered by a small shed roof. The adjacent dining room wing is a story-and-a-half, two-bay section as well with six-over-six sash windows and small gable roof dormers. Both sections are sided with restoration beaded weatherboards and the edges to the roof are enclosed with boxed cornices and flush gable ends. Another short hyphen section connects the dining room with the single-story, one-bay, one-room plan kitchen.

The interior of the house contains reused materials from other structures. The living room is fitted with wide pine flooring and a mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival style mantel with plain pilasters and a plain frieze under a thick board shelf. The principal stair in the house is located in the entrance hall hyphen. The upstairs room are finished in a plain fashion without notable woodwork details.

Photographs of the house during the late 1970s renovation indicate the three outbuildings were originally located close to Allen Road and were relocated to a new site deeper on the lot. The three structures were set on new foundations, and the exteriors were completely stripped of historic siding. New beaded weatherboards fastened with rosehead nails were substituted on each structure. The interiors were fitted with old materials salvaged from other buildings.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Due to the recent renovation and very extensive reworking of these outbuildings into a house, the structure falls into *Category C*, which identifies buildings where alterations should be considered carefully.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
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organization	Private Consultant	date	11/13/95
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street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
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city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871
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Virginia Cottage
3387 Allen Road
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1983

42°30"

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(PRINCESS ANNE)

5860 II NW

SCALE 1:24 000

PRINCESS ANNE 6-4 M

ROAD MAP 0111 12 M

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VIRGINIA COLLEGE

ALLEN, WILSON COUNTY, MD.

WEST ELEVATION

11/95, PAUL TOWN, PHOTOGRAPH

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